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Steve Jordan, Director

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TO: LME Directors

FROM: Steve Jordan

RE: Report on MH/DD/SA Admissions to Hospital Emergency Departments

State law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information to Local Managing Entities (LMEs) on individuals with a diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder who were admitted to community hospital emergency departments. The attached report provides the most current information available on those admissions.

This report has been reformatted and provides summary data on admissions to community hospital emergency departments that took place during the second quarter of State Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The format of the report has been updated to include trend data from the prior five quarters on several of the tables. Additionally, some tables are set up where the user can choose a specific LME, group of LMEs, or Statewide. During this quarter, 14 percent of emergency department admissions statewide involved individuals with a <u>primary or co-occurring</u> diagnosis of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder, while 4 percent involved individuals with a <u>primary</u> diagnosis of a mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse disorder.

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